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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:   
Chairman, Interagency Intelligence  
Committee on Terrorism

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Counterterrorism  
Planning

REFERENCE: DCI/ICS 82-4223, 20 May 1982

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1. We have carefully reviewed the CIPC study on terrorism with its recommendations for upgrading the Intelligence Community efforts against international terrorism, and the steps outlined in the reference memorandum for implementing those recommendations. In consultation with the Intelligence Community staff, we seek your approval for the changes outlined below in those proposals. We emphasize that the changes we are suggesting will not impede the ability to monitor the progress of our effort.

2. Background: As you are aware, recently there has been a proliferation of committees dealing with international terrorism. Our own Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT), which I chair as your representative, and the Terrorist Incident Working Group (TIWG), chaired by Admiral Poindexter at NSC, are both newly organized. The Hickey Committee, chaired by the White House, which was formed in response to the Libyan hit team threat, has become a permanent group. These new structures join the Interagency Group on Terrorism (IGT), chaired by State, and various ad hoc committees, and represent a considerable effort directed against the international terrorist threat. Our attendance at these meetings demands a significant allocation of our very limited resources. Inevitably, the activities of these committees overlap to

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a certain degree. Additional paper work is generated and additional resources are consumed. We note for your information, that the Interagency Intelligence Committee on Terrorism (IICT) has already addressed several of the recommendations made in the CIPC study. Other issues are also being addressed in one form or another in one of the above mentioned committees. Thus, given the limited man-power resources available to us to apply to the counterterrorism problem, we are reluctant to see any new initiative which will generate substantial paper work.

3. Recommendation: As an alternative, in conjunction with the Intelligence Community staff, we suggest that the existing mechanisms within the Intelligence Community be allowed to continue to work for one year at which time the IC staff can again conduct an independent audit of the progress we have made in implementing recommendations of the CIPC study. We stress that we take no issue with any of the paper's recommendations. Our preference now would be to get on with implementing those recommendations using mechanisms and resources currently available to us.

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Intelligence Community Staff

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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APPROVE:

/s/ William J. Casey

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